



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**



**Public Affairs Office
Honolulu Engineer District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440**

Contact: Dino Buchanan

Telephone (808) 438-9862

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 20, 2006

Corps of Engineers Promotes 2006 Earth Day Activities at Pacific Regional Visitor's Center

By Honolulu Engineer District Public Affairs

(HONOLULU - April 20, 2006 - NR-11-06) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor's Center (RVC) at Ft. DeRussy is providing free interactive exhibits, video presentations and hands-on environmental clean-up activities as part of Earth Day 2006, Saturday April 22, 2006. All events are free and open to the public.

The Pacific Regional Visitor's Center is co-sponsoring the local Earth Day events along with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Division of Environmental Quality, Storm Water Quality Branch, Adopt-A-Stream Program and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources.

-MORE-

2-2-2 CORPS EARTH DAY 2006

Volunteers and representatives from the Ala Wai Association, 20 local civic organizations and the co-sponsors are providing manpower and exhibits for events around the Ala Wai Watershed area focusing on this year's U.S. Army Earth Day theme of "Sustaining the Environment for a Secure Future" and Honolulu's Earth Day 2006 theme of "Protecting Our Waters For Life."

Earth Day events at the Pacific Regional Visitor Center, which include a Ft. DeRussy beach cleanup, begin at 9 a.m. and continue to 2 p.m. Free Earth Day trolley rides to several Ala Wai Watershed Earth Day activity sites, including the Waikiki Aquarium for a fish stocking event, is available from the turnaround in front of the U.S. Army Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Earth Day in Honolulu is held each year to increase awareness and broaden the base of support for ongoing education, efforts to build partnerships and grassroots involvement to cleanup the Ala Wai watershed year round. Earth Day itself was established March 21, 1970 as an annual event to deepen reverence and care for life on our planet.

For more information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers log on to the Honolulu District website: <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/index.asp> .

-HED-